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Gamel et al.

Serial No. 09/466,545

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001 (the "Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species:

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Species I: Fig. 3

Species II: Fig. 4

Species III: FIG. 5

Species IV: FIG. 6

Responsive to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute Species I corresponding to claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 44-54, 61-70, 74-82.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to respond to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, consideration of the application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding Applicant's present response to the restriction requirement, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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